

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Further consideration of this application is requested. The Official Action indicates the application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters; claims 1-8 have been allowed.

The examiner questions and objects to the drawings with regard to reference numerals 43', 101 and 103 as well as the letter N in the drawings all of which are said to not appear in the specification. In response to the examiner's comments, the passage at page 9, line 26 has been changed to refer to camera 43' which indicates the camera in a down position. Reference numerals 101 and 103 have been deleted from Figure 2. Reference number "N" is described in the specification at page 11, line 10. Proposed drawing corrections in accordance with the above are attached.

The specification as filed identifies and discusses under the heading "Description of the Related Art" Japanese patent publication 8-220105; *see* the passage from page 1, line 21 through page 2, line 10.

The examiner objects to the Information Disclosure Statement filed October 22, 2003 as failing to comply with 37 CFR §1.98(a)(3) because it does not include a concise explanation of the relevance of the document identified in it which is not in the English language. A point of fact, a brief description of the relevance is contained in the application as filed and, indeed, is the only document identified and discussed in the application as filed. Thus at the time the Information Disclosure Statement was filed pertinent information was provided which includes the concise explanation of the relevance of the document listed on the modified PTO-1449 form. Accordingly, the submission is in compliance with 37 CFR §1.98.

Attention is directed to 37 CFR §1.97(f), second sentence. Namely, applicants have made a *bona fide* attempt to comply with §1.98. Accordingly, the examiner is asked to fully consider the document listed in the attached PTO-1449 form.

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It is believed that these submissions resolve all issues set out in the Official Action and that JP 8-220105 should be considered and made of record in this application.

Favorable action is solicited. If for any reason the examiner has questions or concerns, please contact the undersigned by telephone.

Respectfully submitted,

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